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Applicant:

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Group Art Unit:

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Examiner:

Nizal S. Chandrakumar

Title: NOVEL PHENOL DERIVATIVES AND ANTITRYPANOSOMA PREVENTIVE/THERA-PEUTIC AGENT COMPRISING THE SAME AS

ACTIVE INGREDIENT

Attorney Docket:

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed <u>March 13, 2008</u>, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and 372 to one of the following inventions:

Group I. Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds.

Group II. Claims 12-17, drawn to pharmaceutical method OF use of compounds of Group 1.

Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed

with invention Group I identified in Claims 1-11, drawn to compounds. Applicant

requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or

further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the

outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for

allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite

prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at

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Respectfully submitted,

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